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AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 581* <HB>

by deleting the words "United States flag history" in the caption and substituting the following:

Tennessee and United States flag history

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the preamble of the resolution and substituting the following:

WHEREAS, the flags of Tennessee and of the United States of America are perhaps the most visible and recognized symbol of our national existence, unity and history; and

WHEREAS, as such, the flags occupy positions of respect and honor among Tennesseans and Americans who understand their symbolisms and histories, particularly members of the armed forces and veterans of military service; and

WHEREAS, attitudes of indifference or ignorance of proper behavior are now often apparent when the flags are displayed at public events and patriotic occasions; and

WHEREAS, the most appropriate place to instill proper respect for the flags and for the ideals of our state and nation is in the public schools, particularly in the elementary grades; and

WHEREAS, other states, notably Louisiana and Missouri, have recognized the need for instruction in flag history, etiquette and customs in their public schools and have enacted legislation to provide such instruction; now, therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the first, second, and third resolving clauses and substituting the following:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the state board of education and all local school boards are urged to institute a curriculum of instruction on the flags of Tennessee and of the United States of America no later than the 2000-2001 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such instruction, at a minimum, include the history of the Tennessee and American flags, etiquette, customs pertaining to the display and use of the flags, and such other patriotic exercises as provided by and in accordance with the provisions of state and federal law on patriotic customs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such course of instruction shall also include the history and usage of the pledge of allegiance.